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PROTECTION OF NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL INFORMATION

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1. Through his Assistant for National Security Affairs, the President has established policies to prevent the unauthorized disclosure of National Security Council information and of classified intelligence information. As Director of Central Intelligence, I have been directed to issue instructions to implement these policies for the Central Intelligence Agency.

2. CIA will hold the number of persons having access to NSC information to the absolute minimum consistent with efficient operation of the NSC system. Within CIA, the accountability for and the exercise of special control of designated National Security Council information will be the responsibility of the Executive Secretary to the DCI. He will ensure that all documents requiring the cover sheets prescribed by the NSC have them, and that NSC documents are accounted for through established registry procedures. The Executive Secretary will ensure the retention, in accordance with approved record control schedules, of NSC cover sheets from documents which have been destroyed.

3. For CIA employees, existing regulations are considered adequate to comply with the President's policies regarding protection of classified intelligence information. Agency regulations forbid employees to divulge classified information to unauthorized persons and any violation of this prohibition is subject to investigation by all legal methods, including polygraph examination.

4. The President's concern with unauthorized disclosure of classified intelligence is well-founded. I expect Agency employees to fully support the objective of maintaining the security of our classified information through strict compliance with regulations.

William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence

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